

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

AGENDA DATE: May 4, 2010

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: R. Alan Shubert, P.E., (915) 541-4423

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 3

SUBJECT:

Resolution that the City of El Paso will apply for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to make the necessary improvements to accomplish the revised scope and estimate for the Saipan/Ledo – Lincoln Park Pedestrian Amenities project submitted as a Transportation Enhancement Project. If selected for funding by the Texas Department of Transportation, the City agrees to commit to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management and financing. The City further agrees to provide the required local match of 20% or greater of the total project costs, including being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and 100 percent of all cost overruns.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City of El Paso applied for 3 Transportation Enhancement Projects in response to the call for project submittals in December 2009. After Texas Department of Transportation review of the applications, the City was requested to modify its proposal for the Saipan/Ledo-Lincoln Park Pedestrian Amenities project to adhere to the strict requirements of this funding program. The City's application included a skate park and basketball courts. That scope has been substituted for additional landscaping and irrigation. The construction of walking paths to provide connectivity between the new Park Pond and the Alameda corridor continues to be the focus of this project. A new resolution is required since the scope and estimate have changed.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

November 17, 2009 Council approved a resolution committing to provide the match for the 3 projects submitted, Saipan/Ledo – Lincoln Park Pedestrian Amenities, Downtown Wayfinding and Bicycle Paths.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

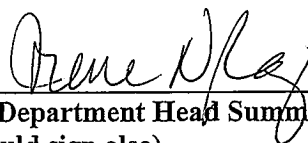
No funding is committed through this action. Should projects be selected, an Advanced Funding Agreement will be presented to Council with the appropriate funding source.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has opened a call for Transportation Enhancement projects which go above and beyond traditional transportation projects and which are linked to transportation through either function or impact; and

WHEREAS, The City of El Paso wishes to improve and enhance the safety and efficiency of the movement of people walking or bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the City proposed three Transportation Enhancement Projects all of which will be viable and important assets to the City, schools and local businesses; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed Transportation Enhancement Projects are (1) Bicycle Paths, including designation with signage and striping along Trowbridge, Trawood, Montwood, Viscount, Riverside Drive, Yarbrough, Delta and Hunter Drive; (2) Saipan/Ledo -Lincoln Park Pedestrian Amenities, including walking/biking paths at the site and linking Boone Street to Alameda and the EL Paso Zoo; and (3) Downtown Wayfinding and Pedestrian Amenities, including signage to assist pedestrians in locating corridors to the international ports of entry, the downtown transfer center, recreation venues and government facilities in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, The building of the proposed Transportation Enhancement Projects will accomplish the intention of the City; and

WHEREAS, after preliminary review by the Texas Department of Transportation the City has revised the proposed scope of work and budget for the Saipan/Ledo - Lincoln Park Pedestrian amenities project to eliminate the non-transportation related aspects of the project; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Department of Transportation requires the governing body to commit to provide matching funds for the revised nomination should the City's projects be selected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the City of El Paso will apply for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to make the necessary improvements to accomplish the revised scope and estimate for the Saipan/Ledo - Lincoln Park Pedestrian Amenities project submitted as a Transportation Enhancement Project. If selected for funding by the Texas Department of Transportation, the City agrees to commit to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management and financing. The City further agrees to provide the required local match of 20% or greater of the total project costs, including being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and 100 percent of all cost overruns.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

City of El Paso

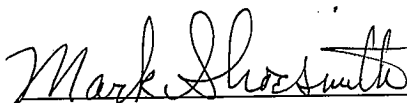
John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

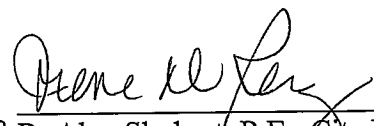
Richarda Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Mark Shoesmith
Assistant City Attorney


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R. Alan Shubert, P.E., City Engineer